GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:107
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2015
Import of Crude Oil
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil imported from various countries including Saudi Arabia during last three years and the current year and the foreign exchange spent thereon during the said period, country-wise;
(b) the quantum of crude oil produced in the country, State/UT-wise; and
(c) the steps taken to reduce dependence on import of crude oil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.107 BY SHRI AJAY NISHAD TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING "IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL".
(a) : The details of quantum of crude oil imports from various countries including Saudi Arabia from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (April-September) and foreign exchange spent thereon are given in Annexure I & II respectively.
(b): The quantity of crude oil produced in the country, State/UT-wise is given in Annexure-III.
(c): In order to accelerate the pace of exploration and production of oil and gas in the country, the Government has taken various policy initiatives which are as under:
i. Government has approved Marginal Field Policy for monetisation of 69 discoveries.
ii. Appraisal of about 1.5 million sq. km un-appraised area of the Indian Sedimentary Basins.
iii. Re-assessment of Hydrocarbon Resources.
iv. Setting up of National Data Repository.
v. Policy for exploration and exploitation of Shale Gas/Shale Oil resources by NOCs under the Nomination Regime.
vi. Policy for exploration in the Mining Lease (ML) areas after the expiry of exploration period.
vii. Offering of exploration blocks through bidding round.
viii. Policy on Non−exclusive Multi-client Speculative Survey for assessment of unexplored sedimentary basins.
ix. Policy frame work for relaxations, extensions and clarifications at the development and production stage under the PSC regime for early monetisation of hydrocarbon discoveries.
Also, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, promotes conservation of petroleum products in the major sectors of economy like transport, industry, households and agriculture. This includes conservation of energy sources, development, evaluation and commercialization of efficient equipment and additives, popularizing production of bio-fuels, environment protection etc.
The Government, though Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), has also been implementing Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme. Under this programme, OMCs sell ethanol blended petrol with percentage of ethanol upto 10% as per BIS specification. On 10th August, 2015, the Government also issued notification to allow the direct sale of Bio-diesel (B100) by private manufacturers to bulk consumers with objective of promoting bio-diesel blending in HSD.
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